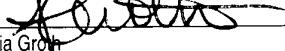


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Osamu Tetsu

Application No.: 09/687,593

Filed: October 13, 2000

For: MAMMALIAN TWO-HYBRID
SYSTEM FOR SCREENING FOR
MODULATORS OF THE ACCUMULATION
OF METABOLIC PRODUCTS

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants provide herewith the following interview summary to be made of record in the above-identified case:

Participants: Examiner Konstantina Katcheves, supervisor Remy Yucel, and attorneys Jonathan Quine and Irene Pleasure

Date of Interview: July 8, 2003

Interview Type: Telephonic

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: not applicable

Agreement: Examiner and supervisor agreed to remove the finality of the Office Action mailed on May 20, 2003 and Examiner Katcheves agreed to perform a search for any 35 USC § 102(e) art relevant to a mutant and a two-hybrid system.

Claims discussed: Claims 1-20

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Procedural and substantive issues were discussed. With regard to procedural issues, the Examiner and her supervisor agreed to remove the finality of the Office Action mailed on May 20, 2003. With regard to substantive issues, we explained the element added in our last amendment. The Examiner and the supervisor indicated that the case would appear to be allowable in light of the amendments, but that the Examiner was going to do a final search for any 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) art. The Examiner will notify us if she

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finds any art relevant to the claims. If any art is found, because the finality of the office action is removed, we will be able to review the reference and argue the case in the next response.

Applicants are providing this Applicants' Interview Summary according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.133
(b). Applicants will respond to any further communications from the Examiner when Applicants receive them.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 510-337-7871.

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